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**JGFDS-PR-189 SUPERVISOR AWARDS 5TH DISTRICT SCHOOLS
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SUPERVISOR GONZALES AWARDS \$12,000 TO FIVE 5TH DISTRICT SCHOOLS

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales today announced the top five 5th District schools that will receive grants for physical activity equipment as a result of their participation in the 2007 Governor's Challenge Competition.

In February, Supervisor Gonzales challenged the schools in her district to participate in the statewide competition. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the contest a few weeks earlier to encourage students to get active and stay fit. They had to exercise 30 to 60 minutes a day, at least three days a week for four weeks to complete the challenge.

Supervisor Gonzales set aside \$12,000 to award to the top five 5th District schools that took part in the competition. Her colleagues followed her lead and established funds to encourage students in their districts to participate in the fitness competition.

The contest ended May 31 and based on the results, two high schools and three elementary schools have claimed the 5th District's top spots.

- **Colton High School** (Colton) will receive \$5,000 for physical activity equipment.
- **J.C. Carmack Elementary School** (San Bernardino) will get \$3,000.
- **Arroyo-Valley High School** (San Bernardino) earned \$2,000; and
- **Manuel A. Salinas Elementary** (San Bernardino) and **North Verdumont Elementary** (San Bernardino) will receive \$1,000 each.

"Now that the competition is over I want to encourage our young people to stick with the exercise routines they have established," said Supervisor Gonzales.

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“Making and maintaining such healthy choices will pay off,” she said. “They will see and feel the benefits in the years to come as they enjoy a healthier, more productive lifestyle, which they in turn can promote and pass on to others,” she said.

San Bernardino County dominated the competition in the Desert Sierra Region, which also included Inyo and Riverside counties. Of the 9,343 students who signed up for the competition in the region, 5,858 or 63 percent were San Bernardino County students. Seventy percent of the Desert Sierra Region students who completed the challenge attend San Bernardino County schools.

“I wanted students throughout the county to accept this challenge with enthusiasm and the outcomes show that they did,” said Supervisor Gonzales.

Supervisor Gonzales and her staff will be contacting the schools to arrange personal congratulations and presentations to the top schools.

For more information on the results of the Governor’s Challenge Competition visit www.calgovcouncil.org.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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